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NEW VIGILS PROTEST HORROR WEAPONS

This month and next will see at least two new pacifist-prompted attempts arouse the public, and particularly the Christian, conscience against prepaions by the United States to use "horror weapons" against other nations.

Most ambitious will be that directed by a committee called "Omaha Action--nviolence Against Nuclear Missile Policy," with headquarters in Chicago.

project will be directed against the wly developed "operational" mise base near Omaha, Nebraska, site the actual launching pads for mises with nuclear warheads.

Beginning on June 18 with public etings in Omaha and Lincoln, the ject will include a two-day training ssion for participants, walks from the o cities to the missile site, and a ek-long vigil at the ICBM base. om July 1 on, it is expected that the il will continue, with some partiants engaging in witness activities olving civil disobedience.

Fort Detrick Project

In the East, meanwhile, a simulteous though less extensive demonation will be carried on outside the vernment's biological warfare base Fort Detrick, Md.

The Fort Detrick vigil, initiated by Middle Atlantic FOR, will protest at its organizers describe as the ge-scale production of germs and ins for biological warfare. "Biological warfare proposes to strike incriminately against babies, children and adults. It plans to kill anis and plants--man's source of food--a massive scale. We are using our ents and resources to plan famine, rvation and disease...It is a blasmy against life and against the ator of life," declares the Call to project.

The vigil will be from July 1 to 5, rogrammed except for providing conious "opportunity for silent worship and meditation," with the possibility that it may be continued in some form beyond July 5.

"Throw Ourselves on God's Mercy"

In taking responsibility for the bombing of Dresden and Hamburg, to say nothing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Americans went beyond what it seems to me the dictates of Christian conscience should have allowed...

I regret, as an American and as a Christian, that these things were done. I think it should be our aim to do nothing of the sort in any future military encounter. If we must defend our homes, let us defend them as well as we can in the direct sense, but let us have no part in making millions of women and children and noncombatants hostages for the behavior of their own governments.

It will be said to me: This means defeat. To this I can only reply: I am skeptical of the meaning of "victory" and "defeat" in their relation to modern war between great countries. To my mind the defeat is war itself. In any case it seems to me there are times when we have no choice but to follow the dictates of our conscience, to throw ourselves on God's mercy, and not to ask too many questions.

--George F. Kennan, former State Department official, in The Atlantic, *May, 1959.*

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Peace Training Sessions Multiply, Spread

Concentrated training sessions for volunteer peace workers, given a sharp impetus by two successful experiments at FOR headquarters recently, are multiplying for the coming program year.

FOR nationally sponsored "Volunteers for Peace" sessions, which cover a wide spectrum of studies from the Biblical basis of pacifism to methods for building a program, are already scheduled for Nyack, Chicago and Boston. Those at Nyack will be held from October 9 to 12, with the Chicago sessions October 16 through 19. Boston dates have not yet been set, but will be later in the fall. Information on all three may be had from Retreat Director Earle Warner, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

Plans also are under way for locally or regionally sponsored training sessions in various places, including the Northwest, where volunteer field worker Maxine Acker will direct.

Another training conference in nonviolence has been announced by Peacemakers for August 16 to September 5 at Cornwells Heights, Pa., co-sponsored by International Voluntary Service. Information on this may be had by writing Albert Uhrie, Box A, Glen Gardner, N.J.

Churches Begin Year-Long Peace Study Program

Beginning this month, the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches is sponsoring a year-long Program of Education and Action for World Peace. Publications, audio-visuals and sugge tions for special "international" chur programs have been prepared.

Summer and fall will be devoted p marily to leadership training at t denominational level, and to state a local seminars. Education and acti programs will be under way from Ja uary to June 1960. FOR members all levels will undoubtedly want begin preparations now to pitch in a make an articulate and effective wi ness among the many thousands of ea nest Christians who will be searchi for "ways to world peace with justice

South Africa Christians Adopt FOR Proposals

A Johannesburg dispatch from th Ecumenical Press Service last mon discloses that celebration of a natio wide Christian observance in the Uni of South Africa will follow lines su gested by the Fellowship of Reco ciliation in that country. The acti was a unanimous one by the Christi Council of South Africa.

The observance will mark the fi tieth anniversary, in 1960, of the se ting up of the Union of South Afric The FOR statement on which the o servance will be based declares: " is our concern to call the Christian co science to a fresh consideration of o way of life in South Africa...It is o firm conviction that our treatment the non-whites is utterly un-Christi and a sin to be deeply repented. W have placed loyalty to a group befo loyalty to God. We can no longer eva these issues by ignoring them; we mu solve our problem of human relatio ships."

The FOR suggested setting up stu groups, large public meetings "to arou the public conscience," interraci services, and a "day of repentan for hatred and oppression."

The Rev. Arthur W. Blaxall chairman of the South African FO which includes such members as Pa rick Duncan, son of a former pri minister, and Chief Albert Luthu noted Christian leader and preside of the African National Congress.

NEWS from the peace front

The Voyage of the Golden Rule, a
k by Albert Bigelow, skipper of the
epid craft that attempted to sail into
nuclear-test area in the Pacific
t summer, will be published in Oc-
er by Doubleday. It will include
e than thirty illustrations by the
hor, who is a noted artist.

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The Board of Evangelism and So-
l Service of the United Church of
nada has called on that nation to
a "moral example" to the world by
arming immediately and using the
ney saved to build a UN police
ce, develop peaceful uses of atomic
rgy, aid underdeveloped countries
improve social and educational
grams at home. It declared that there
no defense in the nuclear age ex-
t attack, and that such an attack
uld be "a denial of the spirit and
ics of the Christian faith."

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Mrs. Earle Edwards, of Swarthmore,
, has been named the new curator
the Swarthmore College Peace Col-
tion to succeed Mrs. Mary Cary, who
l retire in July.

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FOR member Franklin Zahn "pos-
walked" for six hours in front of
Federal Building in downtown Los
geles on April 15, and handed out
complete supply of anti-nuclear
leaflets. Zahn wore two posters in
dwich-board fashion pointing out
t "59% of U. S. taxes goes for nu-
ar suicide." He reports generally
npathetic responses, most typical
ng "You're right--but what can we
about it?"--with no pause for an
wer.

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The fourth "Project in the Chris-
n Faith and the Arts" expects to take
people to Europe this summer, where
y will do a dozen performances of
ma, dance and music in six or more
ntries. The project is directed by
Rev. and Mrs. Joe Brown Love, of
Miller Avenue, Kent, Ohio. Both
FOR members.

Famous Last Words: *Got to talk tough to 'em--only language they understand...*

In Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Czech churches that participated in the work of the Prague Peace Conference have pledged themselves to teach that atomic warfare is sinful, according to a recent dispatch of the Ecumenical Press Service. The Czech churches' statement goes on to condemn the possession of nuclear weapons, even as a deterrent, and asked the committee preparing for a world Christian peace conference to designate the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing as a "day of repentance."

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Six Hopi Indians, reported to be pacifist in their religious faith, protested last month to the United Nations against plans of the United States government to locate a bombing range just south of the Arizona mesa where their people have lived for centuries.

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Veteran peace worker Ray Newton, formerly with the American Friends Service Committee, reports real success with the newly organized Farmers and World Affairs, of which he is director. A special emphasis has been on the development of "youth teams" trained to stimulate understanding and discussion of world affairs. The FAWA office is at 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia.

Nonviolence Seminar at Kirkridge This Month

A three-day seminar in nonviolence is scheduled as part of the program at Kirkridge, a Pennsylvania retreat for ministers and laymen "who have become keenly aware of their own need to grow in Christian faith and to become channels of God's grace in the life of the Church and in the life of the world."

The seminar, scheduled for June 22-24, will be led by FOR Field Secretary Glenn E. Smiley and former National Chairman John Oliver Nelson, Dr. Nelson, a professor at Yale Divinity School, is president of Kirkridge. The retreat is located at Bangor, Pa.

LIT NOTES

TWO URGENT ITEMS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING

NEW AGE FOR PEACE -- a remarkable collection of articles and other material by some of Britain's leading churchmen and pacifists. only 50¢.

THE RAUSCHENBUSH READER -- a choice collection of the writings of the noted liberal churchman, edited by Benson Y. Landis and with an introduction by Harry Emerson Fosdick. Regular price $3.00; now only 85¢.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 4. Greater Boston FOR meet with Glenn Smiley, 5 Longfellow Pa Cambridge 38, Mass.

June 5-7. AFSC Institute, "Qua Approach to Contemporary Affairs Andover, N. J. Write: AFSC, 237 Th Ave., N. Y. C.

June 22-24. Kirkridge Seminar: Tra ing for Nonviolence. John Oliver N son & Glenn E. Smiley. Write: Jose E. Platt, Kirkridge, Bangor, Penna.

June 29-Aug. 8. Middle Atlantic F Summer Leadership Training Worksh Philadelphia. Write: Charles C. Walk FOR, Cheyney, Penna.

June 18-July ?. Nonviolent vigil a protest against missile warfare at m sile base in Omaha, Nebraska. Writ Omaha Action, Box 9057, Chica 90, Ill.

July 1-5. Vigil Against Bacterial We ons, Fort Detrick, Md. Write: Charl C. Walker, 2006 Walnut Street, Phil Pa.

August 1-8. AFSC Institute on Wo Affairs at Winnipesaukee, N. H., w FOR Secretary John Swomley on culty. Write: AFSC, Box 247, Ca bridge, Mass.

August 15-18. FOR Family Camp a
August 18-22. FOR National Conf ence, at Green Lake, Wisconson. Wri Glenn Smiley, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y

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